



OUR KIDS COUNT

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION

Honoring the Youth of Clark County

The **Clark County Youth Commission** is pleased to announce the eighth countywide celebration recognizing the achievements of youth that demonstrate personal growth and community contribution. The Youth Commission is a diverse group of thirty youth from throughout Clark County dedicated to bringing the voices of youth into the community and raising awareness about the remarkable achievements made by youth year round. The young people of Clark County contribute every day to make this community a great place to live. It is our belief that every young person has the potential for achievement in one or more of the eleven areas listed below.

Whether you are a youth or an adult, we hope that you will take notice of middle and high school aged young people who you know and nominate them for recognition. The celebration will be held Saturday, April 29th, 2006. Preparation is already underway. Nominations are now being accepted by mail or fax.

NOMINATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2006
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ACHIEVEMENTS TO CELEBRATE

COURAGE: Maintains high standards in difficult situations.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: Helps others in times of need or positively contributes to the community or environment through service.

ARTS: Contributes to the culture of the community by creating expressions of art, music, literature, dance or craft.

BUSINESS/ENTERPRISE: Improves vocational skills or develops business capabilities.

CITIZENSHIP: Advocates for community action or demonstrates civic responsibility.

LEADERSHIP: Ability to lead others toward a positive goal.

FAMILY LIFE: Meaningful contributions to strengthen family life.

EDUCATION: Extraordinary efforts taken to learn about a subject or to teach others about a subject of interest.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: Demonstrates dedication toward the preservation of, or education about our local, natural environment.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: Attains goals that lead to significant personal change.

INSPIRATION: Inspires others through actions, words, support or by example.

**The Youth Achievement Celebration is funded by the
Clark County
Department of Community Services**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION?

- Any residents of Clark County age 11 – 19 who have demonstrated achievement in any of the eleven achievement categories.
- Achievement must have been accomplished after May 1, 2005
- Many youth may receive awards in each category.

WHO MAY NOMINATE A YOUTH?

- Nominations may be submitted by anyone: family, friends, teachers, clergy and neighbors.
- You may nominate multiple youth.
- You may nominate youth in multiple categories but we need a separate form for each category.
- Youth may nominate themselves.
- You may reproduce the application form.
- Complete the form and mail to:

Youth Achievement Celebration

**Attn: Beth Houston
PO Box 5000
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000**

Nominations must be postmarked by March 31, 2006

(Or you may fax the nomination form to (360) 397-2164.)

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Nominated youth, the person who nominated them and the youth's family or guest will receive an invitation to the recognition celebration and ceremony.

RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION

On April 29, 2006 a countywide awards ceremony will honor youth that have been nominated by the community for their contributions to Clark County. This will be a time when family and friends can celebrate the good work that young people contribute everyday in their own personal development and in service to others.

HOW TO NOMINATE SOMEONE

Youth Achievement Award nomination forms are available through March 31, 2006. For more information please contact the Clark County Department of Community Services (360) 397-2130.

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION

Please print or type information about the nominee. Please check that the nominee's name is spelled correctly.
Age of nominee must be 11 to 19 years as of April 29, 2006.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____ School: _____

If name is difficult to pronounce please write phonetically: _____

Please print or type information about the nominator:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

What is your relationship to the nominee? (i.e. self nomination, parent, teacher, friend, neighbor, family.)

_____ How long have you known the nominee? _____

May we share your identity with the nominee? ☐ Yes ☐ No

May we share the contents of this form with the nominee and others? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please select the category of award you wish the nominee to receive and, if you wish to be more specific, use no more than three words to describe the nature of the achievement. (See example below.)

You will have plenty of room to write more about your nominee on the next page.

*Example: I nominate **John Doe** to receive a Youth Achievement Award in the **ARTS** category for contributions to our community through **theater and dance**.*

Categories of Achievement: (please check one AND write the category in the space below.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Enterprise	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/> Inspiration	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership
<input type="checkbox"/> Courage	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Achievement	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	

I nominate _____ to receive a Youth Achievement Award
(name of nominee)

in the _____ category for contributions to our community through
(category of achievement from list)

(This section is optional. You may write up to three words to further describe the type of achievement.)

